Vacant Posts of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in CGHS, Delhi

2829. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1028 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th December, 1999 and state:

(a) why the posts of Homoeopathic Pharmacist (OBC) in CGHS, Delhi lying vacant since 8th June, 1999, could not be filled up till date;

(b) what are hindrances being faced by the Ministry in filling up of the post; and

(c) whether responsibility need to be fixed for tardy handling of the case by the person concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Central Employment Exchange has sponsored the names of the candidates for the post of Homoeopathic Pharmacist in February, 2000. However, the intervies of the candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange could not be held as the Selection Committee was preoccupied till June, 2000 with the interviews of another category of posts. The date of interviews for the post of Homoeopathic Pharmacist has now been fixed and is scheduled to be held in the first week of September, 2000.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

HIV/AIDS Cases Among Children

2830. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children in India who have tested HIV positive or are fully blown AIDS cases;

(b) whether there has been five times increase of the infection among children in the past one decade;

(c) if so, the cause of the increase in incidence of HIV/AIDS among children; and